

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following groups of inventions:

Group I: Claims 1, 2, 19 and 21 drawn to pharmacological compositions comprising a Notch protein and Notch binding proteins, classified in class 530, subclass 350+;

Group II: Claims 23, 29 and 30, drawn to pharmaceutical compositions comprising nucleic acids encoding a Notch protein and Notch binding proteins, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1+;

Group III: Claims 32 and 33, drawn to pharmaceutical compositions comprising antibodies to Notch protein, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1+;

Group IV: Claim 34, drawn to methods of treatment of disease using antagonist to Notch proteins, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1; and

Group V: Claim 46, drawn to methods of treatment of disease using agonist to Notch proteins, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.

Further, the Examiner has required a secondary election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 if Applicants elect one of the inventive Groups I or II.

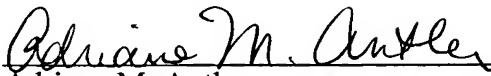
The Examiner contends that the inventions of the above Groups (and secondary Groups) are distinct, each from the other.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group IV, claim 34, drawn to methods of treatment of disease using antagonist to Notch protein, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made remarks be made of record in the file history of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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